

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) Pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of constipation by rectal administration comprising a polar lipid component, a polyvalent alcohol component, water, and optionally an oily triglyceride, in a constipation-dissolving amount.

2. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the oily triglyceride component is present and is a fraction of natural triglyceride.

3. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein the oily triglyceride component comprises fractionated oat oil.

4. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the polar lipid component comprises galactolipid.

5. (Original) The composition of claim 4, wherein the galactolipid comprises digalactosyldiacylglycerol.

6. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the polyvalent alcohol component is selected from the group consisting of glycerol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, pentylene glycol, hexylene glycol, butylene-1,4-diol, pentylene-1,5-diol, hexylene-1,6-diol, macrogol, and mixtures thereof.

7. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 6, wherein the polyvalent alcohol component comprises glycerol or propylene glycol.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, comprising from 0 per cent to 30 per cent of oily triglyceride and from 0.5 to 30 per cent of polar lipid component.

10. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1 of a creamy consistence, comprising from 5 to 30 per cent of oily triglyceride.

11. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1 of a gellous or viscous consistence, comprising from 5 per cent to 30 per cent of polar lipid component, with the provisio that it is free from oily triglyceride.

12. (Original) The composition of claim 11, comprising from 8 per cent to 25 per cent of polar lipid component.

13. (Canceled)

14. The composition of claim 11, comprising from 5 per cent to 75 per cent of polyvalent alcohol component.

15. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 11, comprising from 8 per cent to 70 per cent of polyvalent alcohol component and from 10 per cent to 20 per cent of polar lipid component.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The composition of claim 11, essentially consisting of from 8 to 25 per cent of galactolipid, from 8 to 75 per cent of glycerol, and from 20 to 75 per cent of water, with the proviso that said components add up to 100 per cent.

18. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 1, containing from 10 per cent to 20 per cent of polar lipid component comprising a pharmacologically active agent.

19. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 18, wherein the pharmacologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of sulphasalazine, sodium aminosalicylate, diazepam, chlorpromazine, tramadol, morphine, domperidone, piroxicam, paracetamol, indomethacin, diclofenac, naproxen, metronidazole, antibiotics, antimycotics, and hemorrhoid treatment local anaesthetics.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1 having a dynamic viscosity at 20°C of at least  $2.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  Ns/m<sup>2</sup>.

22. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 21 having a dynamic viscosity at 20°C of at least about  $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  Ns/m<sup>2</sup>.

23. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 21 having a dynamic viscosity at 20°C of at least about  $9 \cdot 10^{-3}$  Ns/m<sup>2</sup>.

24. (Previously presented) Compressible device filled with a single dose of the composition of claim 1 and having with a sealed mouthpiece adapted for rectal administration.

25. (Previously presented) The device of claim 24 in form of a syringe or soft polymer container.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the single dose has a volume of from 5 to 50 ml.

28. (Previously presented) A method of treating constipation, comprising rectal administration of a constipation-dissolving amount of the composition of claim 1 to a person suffering from constipation.

29 – 32. (Canceled)